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DEFENDANT APPREHENDED ON INDICTMENTS
FOR IDENTITY THEFT AND BANK FRAUD CRIMES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced today that Roberta Curran, Holyoke, Massachusetts, was arraigned Friday in the United States District Court in Concord on a eight-count indictment alleging identity fraud and other offenses. A trial date was set for June 2nd, in front of Judge Steven McAuliffe. Curran was released on personal recognizance bail.

On April 1, 2004, a grand jury charged Curran with eight federal felonies involving his alleged use of numerous false identities, false New Hampshire Drivers' licenses, and false social security numbers in defrauding federally insured banks in New Hampshire. The indictment against Curran was sealed until Curran was apprehended.

If convicted of all these offenses Curran faces maximum prison terms of thirty years and maximum fines of \$1,000,000.

The investigation and apprehension of Curran resulted from Curran's activities being brought to the attention of an Identity Theft and Fraud Working Group organized in the U.S. Attorney's Office. The group brings together federal and state law enforcement agencies to combat identity theft and fraud. The prosecution resulted from a coordinated investigation by agents of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Social Security Administration, the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service, the N.H. Department of Safety's Highway Patrol and Enforcement Bureau, and the Derry Police Department.

An indictment is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alfred Rubega.